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MUSIC DEPARTMENT

To: Walter Ehlers

Minutes of Staff Meeting held on November 3, 1953.

A report of the parents' meeting regarding the Palama Carnival was given by Mr. Kelly.

Due to the noise surrounding the auditorium on Friday nites, the November 20th recital has been changed to Saturday, November 21. It was decided that we would dispense with refreshments for the recital because it would entail asking parents for donations of cookies, etc. and with the Christmas holidays and the Carnival just around the corner, we feel that the refreshments are not really needed.

A discussion was held on written reports to parents which had gone out twice a year previously. It was agreed that we would have verbal reports instead to provide for two-way discussions with the parents.

Mrs. Park brought up the subject of students who are enrolled in our Music Department and have recently purchased pianos through some firm in town which offers free lessons with the purchase. These students have dropped from our roles to take these free lessons and then are attempting to return to ~~Palama~~ Palama. We find through experience that in trying to resume teaching these students after their lessons with these firms, it has been necessary to start almost from the beginning. It was decided that the Director of the Settlement will be asked if he would contact these stores to see if some other arrangement could be made when selling pianos to Palama students. A suggestion was that they be offered a discount instead.

Mr. Kelly announced a new voice class which would have about six students. He also discussed the probability of a sight reading class for voice students and any other student interested from the music department. Methods and approach were suggested by the staff.

According to a new policy made this semester, applying to the attendance of our scholarship students, it was mentioned that Esther and Patricia Hauoli have not been attending their piano classes regularly. Mr. Wiley was told to be firmer with them and if they still showed disinterest they would be dropped.

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A discussion was held over the problem of the progress of 2nd year students who do not have pianos at home to work with. Mrs. Park said that in the past when she has come across a cheap piano which was still in good condition, she has called the parents of her students which she felt were interested in buying one.

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